

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended.) A plastic bucket comprising, in combination:

an upright, annular bucket wall having a centerline axis and an inside wall radius, said annular bucket wall ~~connecting~~ integrally connected to and formed with an annular lip to ~~provide~~ provide an open bucket mouth, said annular lip comprising a single, diagonal path annular wall portion extending upwardly and inwardly from said annular bucket wall in a direction radially inwardly toward ~~[[a]]~~ said center line axis of the annular bucket wall along a diagonal path to an upper end of said annular wall portion, said annular lip further comprising a first vertical wall section extending from said upper end of said diagonal path section in an upright vertical direction generally parallel to the annular bucket wall axis, said ~~to form a~~ first vertical wall section having an outside radius and an inside radius from said axis, said outside radius less than said inside wall radius of said annular bucket wall, said annular lip also comprising a vertical rim generally parallel to said first vertical wall section and having an inside rim wall and an outside rim wall, the outside rim wall having a radius less than said inside wall radius of said annular bucket wall and greater than the outside radius of said first vertical wall section; and a single, horizontal, annular flange extending radially outward from the axis and integrally joining ~~between~~ the first vertical wall section and the vertical rim.

2. (Previously Amended.) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where no external ribs or rings are formed on said annular lip.

3. (Previously Amended.) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where no internal ribs are formed on said annular lip.

4. (Currently Amended.) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where the angle between said diagonal path and the vertical direction does not exceed approximately 45 degrees with respect to the axis.

5. (Previously Cancelled.)

6. (Cancelled.)

7. (Cancelled.)

8. (Original.) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where the magnitude of radially inward extent of said annular wall portion is controlled to permit said bucket to be molded without the use of a collapsible mold core.

9. (Previously Amended.) The combination of claim 1 wherein said horizontal annular flange extends radially beyond said vertical rim outside wall.